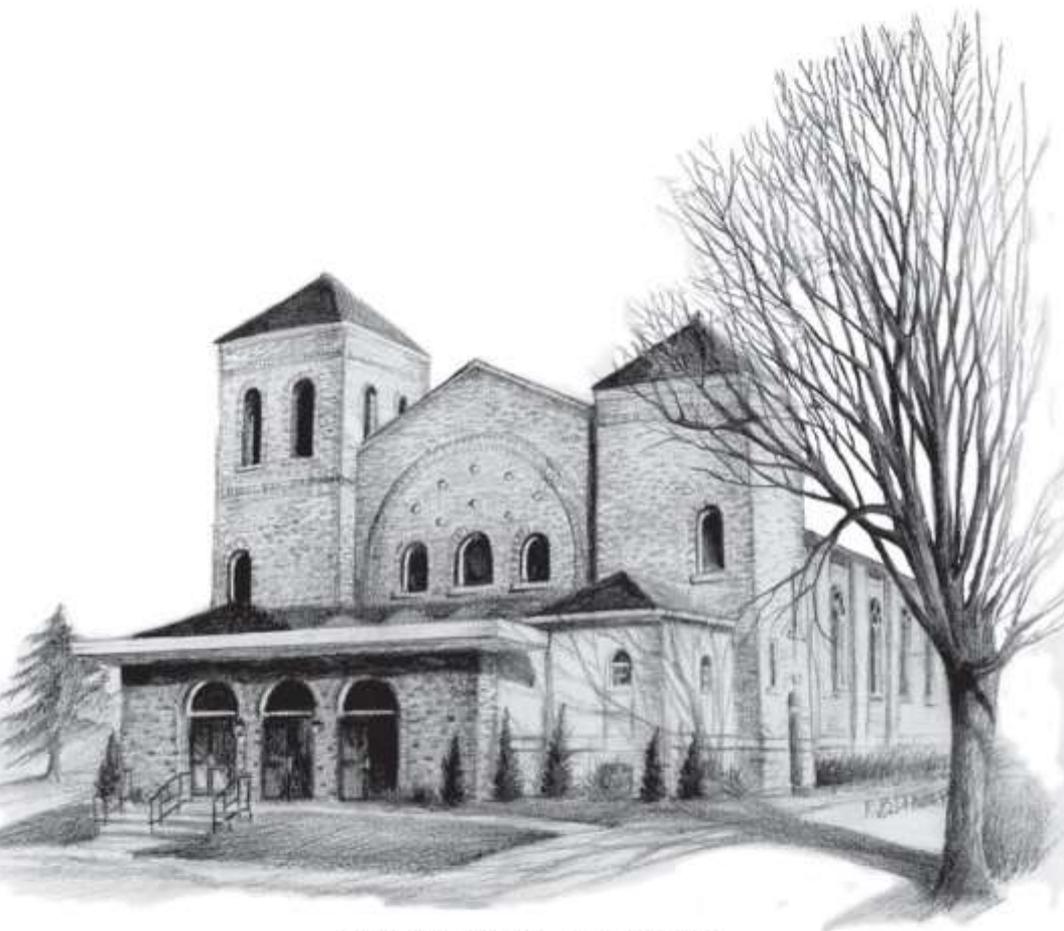




# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 6, 2021

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* (George Shearing)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 377: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Ann McNeill

Songs of Adoration:

*Resurrecting; Way Maker*

*Hold on to Me* (Lauren Daigle)

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we bow before you acknowledging our corporate sin and our need for corporate forgiveness. In this past week, as your people, we have doubted Your goodness, we have pursued the idols of wealth and possessions, we have lusted for power, we have spoken harsh words and ignored people who are hurting. Most grievously, we have been consciously and subconsciously negligent to give thanks for your blessings. As your people, forgive us and lead us in the way to everlasting life through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time of Prayer

Please feel free sit, stand, or kneel as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.

Scripture Reading: Selections from Esther 1:1—2:18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn 376: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Sermon: Where is God When Life is Messy?

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Song: *Build My Life*

Benediction

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Organist: Nicholas Liddick

Scripture Reader: Pastor Jon Cole

Music Ministry Team:

Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;

Matt Cox, guitar & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** We worship God as a declaring that he is good and that we desire our lives to be focused and centered in him. In our worship today, let us come with grateful hearts and a passion for relationship with our wondrous Creator.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS WEEK!** Children can join us in the Community Room during the sermon.

**SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR HEALING:** This Wednesday, 6:00pm, we will gather in the church parking lot for a Service of Prayer for Healing. We will sing, read scripture and offer prayers of confession, forgiveness and healing. The prayers for healing are for all of our needs: physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, financial, relational. If you desire to experience the unity of the church in prayer and humility, please make this gathering a priority.

**THE FAMILY ROOM IS OPEN FOR USE!** Your children are ALWAYS welcome in the sanctuary but this cozy space across from the prayer room is available for parents or guardians to take a child who needs food, a clean diaper, or space to wiggle and play. A TV for streaming the service is also available.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Dr. Ken Schenck will preach. We gather for worship online and indoors at 10:00 a.m. and outdoors at 11:15 a.m.

**IN-PERSON PROTOCOLS:** In order to protect everyone who is attending in person this morning, please note the information on the Protocols Card. Masks are only required when moving from your seat or when singing. Thank you for your acts of love for each other.

**STAYING CONNECTED:** During this unusual time, we want to stay as connected to you as possible. Pastor Wes is sending out a weekly letter on Tuesdays and video on Thursdays. Both are distributed through email and text and may be accessed on the church website ([hwchurch.org](http://hwchurch.org)) and Facebook pages. If you are not receiving these communications and would like to do so, please send your contact information to [office@hwchurch.org](mailto:office@hwchurch.org).

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** meets Thursday Evenings at 7 PM in the Primary Assembly Room.

HWC Children's Ministries is excited to team with Fillmore Wesleyan Church as they host **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** June 28 - July 1. Email [emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org](mailto:emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org) or [annmneill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmneill@hwchurch.org) to sign your children up and/or to volunteer to help. We need group leaders to assist small groups of children as they participate in the Bible story, science, and crafts stations, and possibly a Games Leader. The evenings run from 6:00-8:30.

**VALLEY PRESCHOOL** applications are available at the VPS Bulletin Board, in the church office, and online at <https://hwchurch.org/2021-22-vps-application/>

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed:** \$804,013.98 / **Budget Received:** \$802,184.27

#### **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

Midweek check in - Wed at 1:15pm

ZOOM Sunday School is at 9 am next week

**MISSION MOMENT** - Our global partnerships include support for Bible college student scholarships in Sierra Leone, West Africa. We pray for those training for varieties of outreach for the Gospel in this land still ripe for Gospel harvest.

**THE GLOBAL CHURCH** - We will visit every nation where we have sister Wesleyan churches: Sierra Leone — The names Clarke, McMillen, Woolsey, Prinsell, Emmett are some of dozens from Houghton pioneering for the Gospel as long as 120 years ago in Sierra Leone. Today Muslims still make up over 70 % of the 8 million population. Yet the church grows and the Wesleyan church is one of the largest evangelical groups in the country. We pray.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Denise Zambrano, Carlos Gildemeister, Peter Luckey, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Karen Gaerte, Lenore Paige, Gary Heil (Janet Stegen's brother), Amy Ortiz (Luke Ogden's sister), Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, Wendy Ott, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Cindy Lastoria, Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter; for all effected by the coronavirus—grieving, ill, healthcare professionals, the workforce at risk and leaders; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the Big Tree Wesleyan Church, Blasdell (Pastor Doug Ingersoll).